

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re: : Chapter 11
:
W.R. GRACE & CO., *et. al.* : Case No. 01-1139 (KJC)
: (Jointly Administered)
Debtors : **Objection Deadline: January 13, 2014 @ 4:00 p.m.**

**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP, AUDITORS AND TAX CONSULTANTS
FOR DEBTORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2013**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (“PwC”), auditors and tax consultants for W.R. Grace & Co., and the other above-captioned debtors (collectively, the “Debtors”), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby submits its *One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Monthly Fee Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Month of October 2013* (the “Application”). PwC respectfully requests the granting compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amounts requested. In support of this Application, PwC respectfully represents as follows:

I. COMPENSATION REQUESTED

1. As set forth below, Applicant is requesting an interim allowance of fees in the aggregate amount of \$459,187.21 (plus \$254.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement of expenses in the aggregate amount of \$6,949.79. These amounts represent the fees generated and expenses incurred by PwC during the month of October 2013. A table showing the names of all professionals and paraprofessionals who rendered services during the period, together with the billing rates of such persons and the number of hours charged by such persons during month of October 2013, is set forth on Attachment B to the cover sheet to this Application.

II. INTRODUCTION AND PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

2. On April 2, 2001 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors filed their voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties and assets as debtors and debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

3. The Debtors filed their *Application of the Debtors for the Entry of an Order (i) Approving the Payment of Professional Fees and Expenses and (ii) Authorizing the Employment and Retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Independent Accountants and Auditors to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession* on January 10, 2002 (the “Original Retention Application”). Because the Original Retention Application was contested, it was not until June 18, 2002 that the Court entered its *Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a), 2016 and 5002 Authorizing the Employment and Retention of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP As Auditors and Tax Consultants to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession Nunc Pro Tunc to January 10, 2002* (the “Retention Order”).

Relief Requested.

4. By this Application, PwC respectfully requests, on an interim basis, allowance of fees in the amount of \$459,187.21 (plus \$254.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement of expenses in the aggregate amount of \$6,949.79 for the period covered by this Application. In support of this Application, PwC submits its summary time records attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and the expenses summaries attached hereto as Exhibit “B.”

5. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these proceedings and this motion is

proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016.

6. All of the services for which compensation is sought were rendered by Applicant to the Debtors solely in connection with this case and in furtherance of the duties and responsibilities of the Debtors and not on behalf of any creditor or other person.

7. PwC's hourly rates for its auditors and other professionals charged in connection with its services for the Debtors were commensurate with the rates PwC customarily charged its clients (whether corporate or individual) in both bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters at the time the services were rendered.

8. By order dated January 21, 2012 (Dk. No. 28551), the Court granted the Debtors' application to amend the Amended Administrative Order (Dk. No. 1949) authorizing the employment and retention of PwC as auditors and tax consultants to the Debtors and Debtors in possession, that waives the requirement under Rule 2016-(2)(G) of the local rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Therefore, PwC is no longer required to maintain contemporaneous time records in one-tenth hour increments. However, PwC is still providing summary time records for the personnel working on this action.

9. Applicant is not seeking reimbursement for internal charges, including costs associated with airline ticketing and general office services such as computer usage, telephone charges, facsimile transmissions, postage, and photocopying.

10. None of the amounts requested have been paid. No payments have been made or promised to Applicant for the audit services described herein and for which PwC seeks compensation and reimbursement of expenses in this Fee Application. No agreement exists

between Applicant and any other person or entity to share any compensation in connection with the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases.

III. SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE INTERIM PERIODS

11. The nature of the work performed by PwC during the covered periods included the following.

12. Audit and Tax Services. The Applicant provided the following services:

- (i) Performed review of WR Grace Q3 2013 financial information for the purposes of the Q3 2013 10-Q filing. This included performing analytical procedures on consolidated and disaggregated worldwide balances, review of incentive compensation accruals, review of earnings per share calculation, review of pension adjustments, review of environmental and legal updates, attendance at the Q3 2013 business review, and review of management's equity rollforward, among other procedures.
- (ii) Performed completion procedures for the purposes of the Q3 2013 10-Q filing. This included the tie out of the Q3 2013 10-Q, preparation and review of the management representation letter, preparation of our Q3 2013 review reports, and finalizing documentation of adjustments noted by management or the engagement team during the review process, among other procedures.
- (iii) Review work performed by the PwC tax team to obtain comfort over the effective tax rate, income tax provision, and income taxes payable included in the WR Grace Q3 2013 10-Q. This work included review of the uncertain tax positions rollforward, review and tie out of effective tax rate calculation, and tie out of tax balances in the Q3 2013 10-Q.
- (iv) Preparation for the Audit Committee meeting in November 2013.
- (v) Performed audit work for the annual financial statement audit, including interim testing of revenue and journal entries.
- (vi) Performed 2013 audit work over internal controls required under section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. This work included controls testing as well as review of walkthroughs of key processes including but not limited to, revenue and receivables, intangibles, financial reporting, capital asset management, treasury, payroll, incentive compensation, accruals, inventory and accounts payable.
- (vii) Preparation for and attendance at inventory observations in Chicago, IL and Curtis Bay, MD.
- (viii) Coordination of involvement of international teams in the year-end audit.
- (ix) Work by the engagement team and tax team to evaluate accounting treatment of various tax matters including Windfall Tax Benefits, Section 199 Deduction, discrete tax adjustment resulting from an IRS finding related to a German stock transaction, and discrete tax adjustments resulting from adjustments made to the tax basis used to calculate the gain of the sale of ownership interest in the Colowyo partnership.

- (x) Work by our Risk Assurance team to evaluate the implementation of the SAP system upgrade.
- (xi) Work performed by the engagement team and consultation with specialists on the following matters:
 - a. Change to mark-to-market pension accounting
 - b. Consideration of various accounting implications of the new acquisition of the Dow UNIPOL business
 - c. Planned change in GCP reporting units

IV. ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION

13. Under the Bankruptcy Code, professionals performing services in a bankruptcy case are entitled to “reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services” and “reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses.” 11 U.S.C. §330(a)(1)(A).

14. In determining if the amount of compensation is “reasonable”, the courts consider the “nature, the extent, and the value” of the services rendered, taking into account the following factors: the time spent on the services; the rates charged for the services; whether the services were necessary or beneficial to the administration of the case; whether the services were performed in a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the services; and whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under Chapter 11. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3)(A). As described throughout this Application, PwC has satisfied the relevant criteria to support the requested award of compensation.

15. In general, the “baseline rule is for firms to receive their customary rates.” Zolfo, Cooper & Co. v. Sunbeam-Oster Co., Inc., 50 F.3d 253, 259 (3d Cir. 1995). The compensation sought herein is based on PwC’s customary rates, which are in line with the customary rates charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under Chapter 11.

16. Applicant's services have been rendered in an efficient manner by accountants and auditors who are experts in their fields. PwC is one of the largest and most well-respected accounting firms in the country, and its rates are commensurate with its level of expertise.

17. No prior application for the relief requested herein as been made.

WHEREFORE, PwC respectfully requests interim allowance of compensation in the amount of \$459,187.21 (plus \$254.00 for preparing this fee application) and reimbursement of expenses in the aggregate amount of \$6,949.79, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: December 23, 2013

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